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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF  
5HSA-9J

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA for the Standard Scrap/Chicago International Exporting Site, in Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir or Madam:

This Agency is conducting an investigation of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Standard Scrap/Chicago International Exporting Site in Chicago, Illinois during the time period of 1970 to the present. The Agency is also investigating how the substances at the Site came to be located there. We believe you may have information concerning these matters.

Under federal law, Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), you must respond to the enclosed information requests. If you do not respond fully and truthfully to each of the questions, or adequately justify your failure to respond, within thirty (30) days of your receipt this letter, enforcement action may be brought against you. For further definition of the potential penalties and legal references, please see the enclosed Instructions.

Your response to this Information Request should be mailed to Ingrid Kay, HSA-9J, Cost Recovery Section, at the above address. Ms. Kay's telephone number is (312) 886-4828.

Please direct any legal questions you may have to Kurt N. Lindland at (312) 886-6831. If you have any other questions, contact Steven Faryan at (312) 353-9351.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

*William E. Muno*

for William E. Muno,  
Associate Director for Superfund

Enclosures

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read all questions and the certification before completing the form.
2. You must respond to all questions on the enclosed form.
3. For questions containing a YES/NO option, circle the appropriate response. Circle one response only.
4. If you require additional space for your response, attach additional sheets to this form. At the top of each sheet state your name and clearly indicate the number of the question to which you are responding.
5. If you are the owner or operator of a business, this Information Request is directed to your company, its officers, directors and employees, and its subsidiaries, divisions, facilities and their officers, directors and employees.
6. This Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.
7. The information requested herein must be provided notwithstanding its possible characterization as confidential information or trade secrets. You may request, however, that such information be handled as confidential business information (CBI). A request for CBI status must be made when the information is provided, information not so identified will not be accorded this protection by the U.S. EPA. Information claimed to be CBI will be handled in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 2. To facilitate handling CBI or financial information, please provide such information on separate pages and group all such pages together in one portion of the response. Clearly identify the information as confidential by placing the word "confidential" in the upper right hand corner of the first page containing the information and on the cover letter transmitting it.
8. Sign your name at the end of the enclosed form.

**NOTE:** Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9604(e), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-499, you are hereby requested to respond to the Information Requests enclosed. Compliance with the enclosed Information Requests is mandatory. Failure to respond fully and truthfully to each and every Information Request within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, can result in enforcement action by U.S. EPA pursuant to Section 104(e)(5) of CERCLA which, as amended, authorizes the United States to seek penalties from a Federal court of up to \$25,000 for each day of continued non-compliance. Please be further advised that provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or up to five (5) years of imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

### DEFINITIONS

1. "The Site" means the entire property on and about which the Standard Scrap/Chicago International Exporting Site is located at 4004 through 4020 South Wentworth and 4000 through 4027 South Wells Streets in Chicago, Illinois.
2. The term "business" means any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, group, association, joint venture, affiliation, subsidiary, agency or unit of government.
3. The term "affiliated" means any manner of ownership interest, franchise arrangement or partnership association and/or franchise, cooperative, partnership, trust, etc.
4. The term "supporting documents" means any and all records or documents which provide information to support your response. These include, but are not limited to, receipts, manifests, shipping documents, canceled checks, accounts payable/receivable records, accounting ledgers, weight tickets, etc.
5. The term "waste" or "wastes" includes, without limitation, liquids and solids, electric motors, batteries, shredded scrap metal, and other scrap metal.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

1. Your Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Full Legal Name  
of Business (if  
appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address (personal  
and business): \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Telephone Number  
(personal and  
business): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Under what terms/agreements were wastes accepted for transport to  
the site?
6. Was there a contract between transporter and customer?
7. From whom were wastes accepted for disposal, or disposition, at  
the site?
8. Who selected the disposal site?
9. What quantities of waste were transported to the site? On what  
dates?
10. What was the nature of the wastes which were disposed, or  
otherwise came to be located at the site?
11. What procedures were followed in handling the wastes?

12. What was the physical state of the waste that were disposed of, or which otherwise came to be located at the site?

13. What types of containers were the wastes contained in?

14. How were the containers marked and/or labeled?

15. How were shipments recorded? What types of documents were used (manifests, shipping logs etc.)? Please provide copies.

16. Provide copies of any documents regarding the Standard Scrap Metal/Chicago International Exporting Site in your possession.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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SIGNATURE

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DATE